



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER



Issue 58 - CHRISTMAS



CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

For many of us, the moves to the United Reformed Church and back were the events of the year. I am pleased to say that, from my perspective, the moves were relatively trouble free. Therefore, I would like to thank the committee, and the many others involved, for their planning, efforts and cooperation in this exercise.

As anticipated the November meeting at Barn Hill produced a record attendance, but contrary to our earlier concerns, everyone was accommodated with seats to spare. It transpired that the seating capacity at Barn Hill was always more than we thought and the small reduction in capacity after refurbishment proved to be insignificant. Based on this situation the committee has decided that, for a trial period from January, we will cease the issuing of tickets to members at registration.

Since the beginning of our year we have welcomed some new members. I can therefore give advanced notice of our intention to hold a New Members Meeting at Barn Hill on Wednesday, 15th February 2006 at 2.15 pm. These meetings have proved to be very beneficial in the past.

Unfortunately, this may clash with some planned group meetings, however with 55 groups this proved to be unavoidable. We will give further details of this meeting to new members later.

I read in the latest edition of U3A News that three quarters of U3A members are women; no surprise there, but three quarters of group leaders are men. A check on our statistics shows that just one quarter of our group leaders are men. We appear to be well adjusted.

Finally, Maggie and I wish you all the very best for Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best Wishes
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Gill Bolton	Membership Sec
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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

January 9th	Canine Partners Clare Grant
February 6th	Loose Connections Peter Tomkin

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Barn Hill, except for Bank Holidays. Coffee will be served at 10 and the meeting will start at 10.30 am.

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HARLAXTON 2006

Summer Schools

The Summer Schools are an opportunity to relax and enjoy the exclusive use of Harlaxton Manor and its many facilities while studying the course of your choice. Harlaxton, which is near Grantham, is a beautiful 19th Century house restored and now furnished as a residential college and conference centre.

Courses are quickly filling up, the two in outline below are now complete. If you are interested in attending Harlaxton 2006 then please contact us as soon as possible.

9 - 12 July School Courses

<i>Mozart in Context</i>	Anthony Burton
<i>18th Century British Art</i>	Hendy Farquhar-Smith
<i>Art for All</i>	Sally Crew
<i>Life in 18th Century England</i>	John Plumb
<i>Web Site Authoring</i>	Horace Farquhar-Smith
<i>Just Loving Jane Austen</i>	Dr Jane Mackay

13 - 16 July School Courses

<i>Contrasting Garden Styles of the World</i>	Glenys Whittle
<i>Botanical Illustrations</i>	Barbara Clemence
<i>Main and Branch Lines</i>	Geoff Smith
<i>A Geological History of the Midlands</i>	John Aram
<i>Digital Photography and Imaging</i>	Rod Sloane
<i>Computing for Beginners/Improvers</i>	Pam Bisnauthsing
<i>Singing for Fun</i>	Paul White

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Newsletter on Line

Although an increasing number visit our website, we are still not getting sufficient comments and suggestions for the site's redesign. Don't forget that we have an excellent prize to be drawn from those who return the Feed Back Forms now available for completion. We have improved the electronic version of this form, making it more user friendly and easier all round. There is also a printed form which can be downloaded, manually completed and sent by post. Both versions qualify for the prize.

Calling all Groups. The website is ideal to include additional information about Groups which because of space considerations could not be included in this Newsletter. Some Groups are already on the website, look for the W symbol in the Newsletter. So, Group Leaders, send us your material for inclusion on the site. As ours is a dynamic site, you can upgrade your information very regularly so it is always up to date!

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

The scheme provides essential door to door transport for frail, elderly and disabled people living in Stamford and the surrounding villages.

The scheme will operate using volunteer drivers who live in the area and who will use their own cars. The drivers will be fully trained, and will receive a mileage rate and out of pocket expenses.

Please pass this information to anyone who is likely to be able to benefit from the scheme.

For more information contact Claire Coles at 482380. or e-mail her at:

car.scheme@stamfordvb.org.uk, the website is at:

www.stamfordvb.org.uk

REGISTRATION AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

Thank you very much to all members who have helped with registration at monthly meetings during this year. Any member who is willing to help in 2006, and has not already given me their details, please add them to the notice on the board or contact me direct.

Gill Bolton, Membership Secretary 480 611

THEATRE GROUP

A date for your diary, all you theatregoers - on 16th January 2006 we will be holding a meeting when we will present the new productions for the Spring Season.

The meeting will be held at Barn Hill, in the ground floor room which we have always had. Coffee will be served at 10 am and the meeting itself will start at 10.15 am prompt.

Mr H Warren, who is a former actor and director, will give a talk on:

"The Repertory Movement".

We hope that as many people as possible will attend.

Don't forget to bring your cheque books and diaries!

Shirley Draheim-Jackson



RUBENS EXHIBITION

We are having a trip to the Rubens Exhibition at the National Gallery on Wednesday 11th January 2006.

All members are welcome. The cost will be £20 for the coach and entry to the exhibition. Alternatively, if you just want a trip to London without visiting the exhibition, the cost will be £12.50.

For more details contact:

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

SELF - HELP FOR HEALTH GROUP

The next meeting of this Group is being held on Wednesday, December 7th at Essendine Village Hall, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

We shall be holding our usual discussion groups and then we are going to do a Healthy Festive Quiz.

By then we shall have worked up an appetite for the Festive snacks which we will have prepared. These are for guests who have dietary restrictions like dairy-free, wheat-free, sugar-free, meat-free etc.

We are going to be the first to taste and enjoy them!

Anyone is welcome to join us but, on this occasion, for the caterers' sake, please let us know that you are coming.

Sheila Halliday-Pegg



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We are once again back at Barn Hill from January. All meetings are 10 for 10.30 am start.

Winter 2006 Programme

January 10th – Ben Robinson from Peterborough Museum will give a talk on Durobrivea, the large Roman industrial complex on the outskirts of modern Peterborough – Water Newton and Castor.

February 14th – Sandra Bailey (one of our members) will talk about "The cottage Countess" – an incredible story.

March 14th – Janice Moulds from Woolsthorpe Manor (Isaac Newton's birthplace) will give a talk entitled "Dirty and Smelly" – Life in a 17th century Yeoman Farmer's house.

Summer 2006 Outing Programme

Watch out for the January 2006 Newsletter. We have our usual programme of interesting outings planned.

John Plumb



Merry Christmas
and
a
Happy New Year



TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be on Tuesday, 7th February 2006 10.15 for 10.30 am in the lower hall at Barn Hill.

As well as the usual business there will be a talk about an aspect of Tourism in France followed by a final briefing for those going to New York. If this is relevant to you please allow appropriate car-parking time.

Marketing material is now available for a proposed 7 day holiday to Tuscany starting 6th October 2006. Please see Paddy if you are interested.

Paddy Thompson



COUNTRY DANCING

The next meeting will be held at the United Reformed Church Hall on Tuesday 20th December at 10.30 am. I know that this is rather near Christmas but come along and get some exercise before the excesses of the Season.

New members always welcome.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316



ART HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting will be held at the Livingstone Room at the United Reformed Church Hall at 10.30 am on Wednesday 14th December - coffee from 10.15.

The subject will be Mary Cassatt.

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WALKING GROUP

December 9 th	Apethorpe King's Head	5	Derek Warrick	
December 16 th	Belton-in-Rutland Park near the Church Pub arranged on the day	5	Eric and Avery Woods	

All walks start at 10.30 am. Queries on individual walks please contact the Walk Leader. General queries please contact Eric or Avery Woods. Please share cars whenever possible, especially for those walks which are a little further afield.